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IN RE APPLICATION OF: NORBERT MILLER, ET AL.

FOR: METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATION OF ALLOCATION PROCESSES FOR
PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please preliminary
amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, please insert --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9, please insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE
RELATED ART--.

Page 2, between lines 3 and 4, please insert --SUMMARY OF THE
INVENTION--.

Page 7, between lines 3 and 4, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE
DRAWINGS--.

Page 7, between lines 9 and 10, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

Please delete page 12 in its entirety.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

Claim 2, line 1, please change “characterized in that” to --wherein--.

Claim 10, line 1, please change “characterized in that” to --wherein--.

Please rewrite the following claims in amended form.

Claim 3. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile radio
telephone network system.

Claim 4. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio
network.

Claim 5. (Amended). Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the identification code for a particular use is issued for a
limited area or time.

Claim 6. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is enabled by the user.

Claim 7. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the non-contact code verification is accomplished by
optical means.

Claim 8. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the code provided by the user for transmission and/or
verification purposes is released by selective activation.

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Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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